



# *Town of Belmont*

## **Department of Public Works**

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## **Trash & Recycling Definitions**

- (1) Garbage: is defined as putrescible waste from handling, processing, storage, disposal or preparation of food for human or animal consumption.
- (2) Trash: is defined as all non-putrescible waste that would normally be in a residential household including brush and waste from minor household repairs that is burnable. Specifically excluded is inherently dangerous, toxic, and hazardous wastes which shall from time to time be designated as "hazardous wastes" by State and/or Federal regulatory authorities having appropriate jurisdiction as well as significant liquid waste and any agricultural waste, excavated earth, stones, brick, rubble concrete and waste parts occasioned by major demolitions, installations and repairs, sinks, toilets, bathtubs, plumbing parts, automobile or truck parts, vehicle batteries, machinery, tree logs and limbs exceeding 6 inches in diameter and tree stumps.
- (3) Bulky Waste: is defined as any bulky item that would normally be in a residential household including, but not limited to, furniture, mattresses, box springs, microwave ovens, rugs (cut in 4 foot lengths, no more than 5 rolls per week, weighing no more than 50 pounds per roll), tires with metal rims removed (maximum of 1 tire per week no larger than a pick-up truck tire), Christmas trees, and the like
- (4) Yard Waste: is defined as deciduous and coniferous seasonal deposition, grass clippings, weeds, hedge clippings, garden materials and brush one (1") inch or less in diameter.
- (5) Brush: is defined as yard and garden refuse such as bushes, shrubs, tree material, hedges greater than 1 inch but less than 6 inches in diameter tied in bundles not to exceed 3 feet in length or 2 feet in diameter with a maximum diameter of individual pieces not to exceed 6 inches. Tree logs, tree limbs and tree stumps exceeding 6 inches in diameter are not defined as brush for the purposes of these specifications and will not be picked up by the Contractor.
- (6) Recyclables: are defined as recyclable mixed paper, including but not limited to; newsprint, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, Kraft bags, telephone books, paperboard, office paper, colored paper, computer paper, stationary, letterheads, business forms, tablet sheets, tab cards, envelopes (with & without windows), file folders, NCR Paper,

fax paper, calendars, junk mail, Post-it Notes, greeting cards and copy paper including staples & paper clips and paper cups, non contaminated pizza boxes or portions thereof, corrugated cardboard (flattened and no larger than approximately 3 feet by 3 feet), clear, green and brown glass containers, tin/steel containers, aluminum containers, poly-laminated paper beverage containers, aseptic containers (juice boxes), spiral cans (potato chip, coffee and nut cans), clean aluminum foil, #1 through #7 plastic containers. The definition of recyclables shall include additional materials chosen by the Town during the term of this agreement.

- (7) Corrugated Cardboard: is defined as heavy paper with alternating ridges and grooves for use in packing articles.
- (8) Solid Waste: is defined as trash, garbage, bulky waste, brush and unwanted or discarded solid, negligible liquid or contained gaseous material resulting from municipal, household and similar activities that is abandoned by being placed for disposal, incineration or other treatment, but does not include:
  - (a) Hazardous waste.
  - (b) Sludge or Septage.
  - (c) Medical waste and “sharps”.
  - (d) Recyclable or compostable materials as defined under this contract.
  - (e) Any other material prohibited by law or regulation.
- (9) White Goods: are defined as an appliance employing electricity, oil, natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas to supply heat or motive power to preserve or cook food, to wash or dry clothing, cooking or kitchen utensils or related items or to cool or heat air or water. Also included in “White Goods” are lawnmowers and self- propelled snow-blowers (with the gas tank and oil removed) and food preparation grilles (with the propane tanks removed). Microwave ovens are considered solid waste and not included in the definition of “White Goods”.
- (10) Cathode Ray Tube (CRT’s): are defined as any intact, broken, or processed glass tube used to provide the visual display in televisions, computer monitors and similar scientific instruments such as oscilloscopes.